



Where all students learn, grow, and succeed.

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES
RICHARDSON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
2011 Legislative Priorities**

FINANCE

We support legislation that:

- Provides districts the necessary amount of state and local funds to prepare students to achieve rigorous academic goals, cover districts' rising operating costs, and fund state and federal mandates
- Returns sufficient taxing authority to locally elected school boards

We oppose legislation that takes public tax dollars from public schools.

ACCOUNTABILITY

We support a state accountability system that:

- Upholds a consistent system of school ratings over time
- Reduces the complexity of the system
- Recognizes student growth

LOCAL CONTROL

We support the preservation of elected school boards' responsibility to govern and oversee the management of school districts.